

**JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050  
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING**

March 31, 2022  
7:30 pm

Members Present: Arlin Beethe, Bob Hutt, Gail Hutt, Rebecca Plager, Kim Wellensiek

Absent: Justin Beethe (excused)

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Rich Bacon Middle School Principal; Rick Lester, High School Principal; Garret Collin Activities Director.

Approx. 104 Visitors were present

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The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in special session at 7:30 p.m., Thursday March 31, 2022 in the high school gym, Tecumseh, Nebraska. A current copy of the agenda was available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent prior to the meeting. The notice of meeting and agenda was posted at the three main school buildings as well as the Tecumseh and Cook Post Offices. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Tecumseh Chieftain.

President, Kim Wellensiek called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened the meeting by announcing that the Open Meetings Act rules were posted. Roll call was taken. Arlin Beethe-present, Justin Beethe-absent, Bob Hutt-present, Gail Hutt-present, Plager-present, Wellensiek-present.

President Wellensiek thanked everyone for attending the meeting and turned the meeting over to Superintendent Rother.

**SUPERINTENDENT PRESENTATION**

Superintendent Rother presented on the background of the proposed building project. Mr. Rother identified why the Board of Education started looking at such a building project. He also shared how the work and findings from studies completed, assisted the Board of Education in their decision to hold a Bond Election requesting 43,375,000. The bond request is for the purpose of paying costs of land acquisition and construction and acquisition of a pre-kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade facility, and providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such facilities. Presentations were also made by the following:

- a. Hanna Shaffer, Clark Enersen Partners (Architect firm); shared and explained the current conceptual plans for the PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade building project. These plans are still in the development stage.
- b. Paul Grieger, DA Davidson (Bond Agent); presented on the tax impact of the proposed bond and what this would mean for the stakeholders. The public was

afforded the opportunity to ask questions. Questions were answered by Paul Grieger and Superintendent Rother.

- c. Leila Knowles, Boyd Jones (Construction Manager at Risk); was present to explain what the responsibilities of the Construction Manager at Risk are. Ms. Knowles was also present to answer questions as presented.

Superintendent Rother opened the floor for additional public comments or questions. Questions were answered as they were received. Mr. Rother and President Wellensiek thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Plager. Roll Call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-absent, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-absent, Wellensiek-yes. Carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

The next Special Board of Education Meeting will be April 12, 2022 in the Middle School gym in Cook, Nebraska at 7:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in the High School room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday April 13, 2022. The notice of meetings will be published in the Tecumseh Chieftain. The agenda will be posted at the three main school buildings as well as the Tecumseh and Cook Post Offices. A current copy of the agenda will be available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent prior to the meeting.